



# KNOW YOUR KNIGHT, OF COLUMBUS, THAT IS

**Paul Boespflug**

**Spouse: Jeanne**

**Children:** Three college age students: John, Theresa & Sarah

**Life Goal:** My goal has been to provide a quality life for my wife and children by participating in and sharing the faith values that both Jeanne and I grew up with and pass on to our children. Now that they are in college and ready to move on, we are looking at the day when we will be able to retire and enjoy our time together once again.

**I met my wife** while attending a Search in Richardton, ND. Search is a youth retreat held over a weekend. We met during our junior year in High School and became very good friends throughout our college years. We became engaged and married about 7 years later without doing the dating marathon.

**Jobs I've Held:** I have had a variety of jobs from retail, wholesale, and territorial sales in North Dakota. I joined Electronic Data Systems as a systems engineer in 1990 and moved to Detroit MI, where I worked for General Motors for 7 ½ years. We moved back to MN in 1997 and settled in Brooklyn Park where I went later went to work for Land O'Lakes in their Information Systems department. Most recently I started work for MoneyGram International in their Information Systems department.

**How and Why We Came to St. Gerard's:** We came to St. Gerard's our first weekend here in Minnesota, determined to shop around for a parish after the experience we had had in Michigan. However, after our first visit here, we fell in love with the parish, the warmth of the people, the music, liturgies and the overall environment. We never went to another parish to "check them out".

**Activities We've Been Involved In at St. Gerard's:** I have been involved with St. Gerard's as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Liturgical Coordinator, Religious Education teacher. I was on the Boy Scout Troop 575 Troop Committee as Committee Chairperson for five years. I am currently a member of the Parish Council and liaison to the Stewardship committee. I was also a co-chair of the Archdiocesan Growing in Faith campaign that was held in 2001. Jeanne is involved as well as a Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, office volunteer and was also a Religious Education teacher.

**I became a Knight because:** I was asked to. Up to that time, I had never considered membership in the Knights, but found that the membership benefits, fraternal brotherhood and charitable works were something I was interested in.

**I relax by:** reading, walking, biking. I used to garden. However, I decided I didn't like to feed the deer so I stopped. I do mow about 2/3 of an acre in the summer.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy golf and computers.

**Favorite Food(s):** I think that I enjoyed the old German dishes I used to get when my mom cooked. Now, however, I settle for a good barbequed roast, shared with family.

**Pet Peeve:** Bickering.